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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for displacing a person from a lateral recumbent position to a sitting position and vice versa, comprising:

an engaging means for engaging on the person, the engaging means being rotatable about a substantially horizontal axis such that, during rotation of the engaging means in a situation while engaging on the person, the person undergoes a rotation about a substantially sagittal axis of the person from the lateral recumbent position to a sitting position and vice versa[[],] ; and

wherein the engaging means are coupled to a force-transmitting means coupled to the engaging means and rotatable about the substantially horizontal axis, said force-transmitting means comprising at least one non-linear arm being adapted to roll along a surface supporting the person.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the engaging means are provided with a head support and/or a first hand grip.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the force-transmitting means are pivotable about the substantially horizontal axis.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the force-transmitting means are provided with at least a second handgrip for exerting a manual force on the apparatus by a second person to bring about rotation of the engaging means.

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20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein the substantially horizontal axis is located between the engaging means and at least a second handgrip.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein at least a second handgrip is positioned adjacently of the engaging means.

22. (Withdrawn) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the force-transmitting means are coupled to electromechanical drive means for rotating the engaging means.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the force-transmitting means are at least partially adapted to support the person.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the force-transmitting means are at least partially bracket-shaped.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein the substantially horizontal axis is displaceable.

26. (Withdrawn) A bed provided with an apparatus as claimed in claim 16.

27. (Withdrawn) The bed as claimed in claim 26, wherein the bed is mobile.

28. (Currently Amended) A method for displacing a person from a lateral recumbent position to a sitting position, and vice versa, ~~using an apparatus as claimed in claim 16;~~ comprising the steps of:

A) providing an apparatus comprising:

an engaging means for engaging the person, the engaging means being rotatable about a substantially horizontal axis; and

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a force-transmitting means coupled to the engaging means and rotatable about the substantially horizontal axis, said force-transmitting means comprising at least one non-linear arm being adapted to roll along a surface supporting the person,

A) B) causing the engaging means to engage on the person, and

B) C) causing the engaging means to rotate about the substantially horizontal axis, wherein the person undergoes a rotation about the sagittal axis from a lateral recumbent position to a sitting position,

wherein the substantially horizontal axis is displaced during rotation of the engaging means ~~as according to step B).~~

29. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the rotation of the engaging means ~~as according to step B)~~ takes place in manual manner.

30. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the rotation of the engaging means ~~as according to step B)~~ takes place in an electromechanical manner.